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**Request  
For  
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<b>Application Number</b>	10/033,732
<b>Filing Date</b>	December 27, 2001
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<b>Art Unit</b>	3723
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on MAY 19 2005  
ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.  Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (SIDS)  
iv.  Other Petition for Withdrawal from Issuance Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) – Consideration of Request for RCE

## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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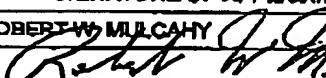
i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii.  Other Petition Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h) (\$130.00)

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